GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Andhra Pradesh Forest Department – Departmental Proceedings initiated against Sri T. Nageswara Rao, FRO (Retd.), earlier worked in Rajavomangi Range, Kakinada Division, Rajahmundry Circle under Rule 20 of APCS (CC & A) Rules, 1991 – Penalty of "5% cut in pension for a period of Five (5) Years" against the Charged Officer – Imposed - Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 36 Dated: 02-07-2021.

Read the following:

1) From the PCCF & HoFF, letter Rc.No.13392/2018/A&DC-3, dated 17.03.2020.
2) Memo.No.902/Sec.IV/A1/2020, EFS & T (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 09.11.2020.
3) From the PCCF & HoFF, letter Ref.No.13392/2018/A&DC-3, dated 02.03.2021 together with the explanation of Sri T. Nageswara Rao, FRO (Retd.).
4) Letter No.902/Sec.IV/A1/2020, EFS & T (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 26.03.2021.
5) Letter No.902/Sec.IV/A1/2020, EFS & T (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 16.06.2021.
6) From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr. No.157/DC&C/2021, dated 23.06.2021.

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ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Guntur has informed that Articles of Charges were issued to Sri T. Nageswara Rao, Forest Range Officer, Rajavommangi Range of Kakinada Division, Rajahmundry Circle by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Guntur vide Rc. No.13392/2018/Vig-1, dated 20.12.2018, under Rule 20 of APCS (CC & A) Rules 1991, on the following counts:-

Article-I:
"That he had exhibited gross negligence of duty and failed to take action to evict encroachers who encroached over an extent of i) 50 ha in Compt.No.543, Doramamidi RF of Doramamidi Beat; ii) 2.21 Ha in Compt.No.527, Rajavommangi RF of Rajavimmangi Beat; and iii) 2.00 ha in Compt.No.504/505, Ultimodalu RF of Lagarai Beats of Rajavommangi Range".

Article-II:
"That he had hidden the facts of occurrence of encroachment and he disobeyed the instructions of his superior officers".

Article-III:
"That he had committed gross negligence in attending his legitimate duties resulting large quantity of sand has been excavated from the natural stream passing through Forests of Rajavommangi Beat of Rajavommangi Range".

2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF has informed that the Charged Officer submitted his written statement of defence on 09.01.2019. Further, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), A.P., Guntur appointed the Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry as Inquiry Officer and the Divisional Forest Officer, Kakinada Division as Presenting Officer vide Proc.No.EFS02-19024(13392/2018/Vig-1) (i&ii), dated 21.05.2019, for conducting the regular enquiry.

(P.T.O)

3. The Inquiry Officer (i.e. Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry Circle) submitted the findings along-with connected case record vide Rc.no.1490/2015/M8, dated 17.10.2019 wherein he concluded that all the three Charges framed against the Charged Officer were held proved. The findings of Inquiry Officer were communicated to the Charged Officer and he submitted his further defense statement on 23.12.2019.

4. The Charged Officer has retired from the Government Service on 31.12.2018, on attaining the age of superannuation. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9(1) of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

5. The entire issue has been examined and it has been provisionally decided to impose a penalty of "5%(five percent) cut in pension for a period of (5) five years" against the charged officer, Sri T. Nageswara Rao, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), earlier worked in Rajavommangi Range, Kakinada Division, Rajahmundry Circle, under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980. Accordingly, a Show-cause Notice was issued by the Government to the retired officer duly indicating the quantum of punishment vide Memo.2nd read above through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF). In the letter 3rd read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) has informed that the Charged Officer has submitted his further defence statement, wherein he has observed that there are no fresh and valid points.

6. The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, in the letter 6th read above, has stated that Commission agreed with the proposals of the Government to impose a penalty of "5% cut in pension for a period of five (5) years" against Sri T. Nageswara Rao, Forest Range Officer (Retd.)

7. After careful examination of the matter, the Government hereby order to impose a penalty of **"5% (five percent) cut in pension for a period of (5) five years**" against the retired Charged Officer, Sri T. Nageswara Rao, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), earlier worked in Rajavomangi Range, Kakinada Division, Rajahmundry Circle, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Guntur shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

VIJAY KUMAR G.srkr
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri T. Nageswara Rao, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), earlier worked in Rajavomangi Range, Kakinada Division, Rajahmundry Circle through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.(with original record file No.1490/2015/M8 (512) pages)
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